

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 31- February 1, 2007

Reference No.: 2.2c.
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING,
06-TUL-99, PM 41.3/53.9, 06-FRE-99, PM 0.0/1.0
RESOLUTION E-07-1**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-07-1.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Negative Declaration (ND) has been completed:

- State Route 99 in Tulare and Fresno Counties – Roadway improvements near Kingsburg.

This project in Tulare and Fresno Counties will construct roadway improvements near Kingsburg. This project is not fully funded. The project is fully funded for Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) in the Interregional Improvement Program for \$2,202,000. Full funding for the project is being proposed from the State Route 99 Infrastructure Bond Program. The total estimated project cost is \$172,600,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project involves the acquisition of new right of way. In addition, the project would require the removal of mature trees that may impact visual resources. Due to these factors, an Initial Study was prepared for the project.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

06-Tul-99, PM 41.3/53.9, 06-Fre-99 PM 0.0/1.0

Resolution E-07-1

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 99 in Tulare and Fresno Counties – Roadway improvements near Kingsburg.
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

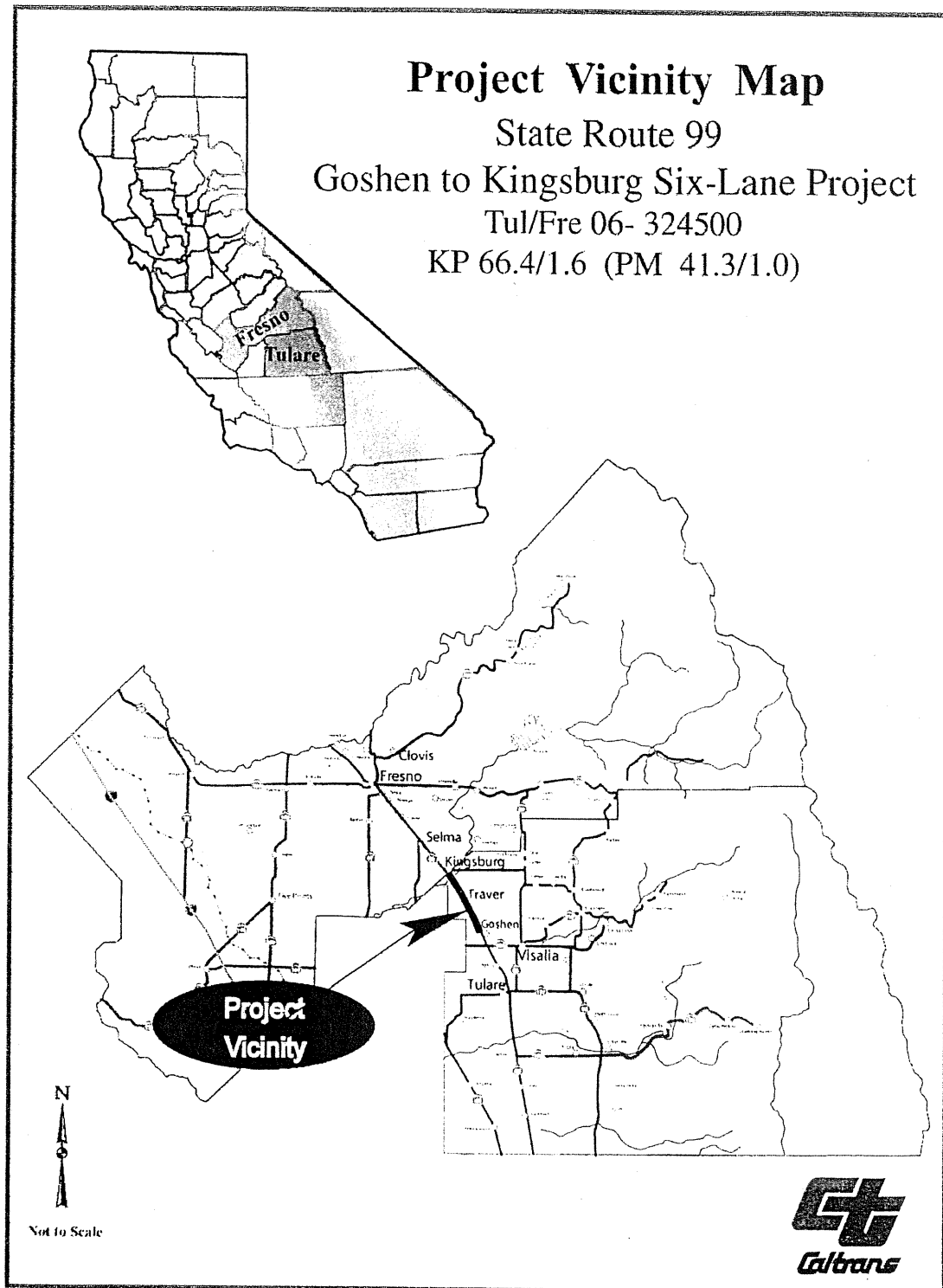


Figure 1-1 Project Vicinity Map